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List of People Hired for the Expedition, May 12, 1827

George Champlin Sibley

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ENGAGEMENT OF THE HANDS MAY 12, 1827--WAGES COMMENCED THIS DAY AT \$20 PER MONTH.

We the undersigned having engaged ourselves on hire to the Commissioners appointed by the President of the United States to "mark out a road from the Western Frontier of Missouri to the confines of New Mexico" to accompany George C. Sibley one of said Commissioners on an expedition from Ft. Osage to the Arkansas River for the purpose of completing said Road as surveyed last fall do hereby promise and bind ourselves firmly by these present to serve the said George C. Sibley faithfully, diligently and to the best of our skill and abilities for and during the term of three months or until by him discharged--

We will promptly and strictly obey the orders of said Sibley and do and perform such services as he may from time to time require of us; either as chain barriers, choppers, labourers, hunters, waggoners, sentinels by day and by night and such other services as the business of the said Sibley may require at our hands--We do moreover promise and bind ourselves to take good care of all such property as may put in our charge by said Sibley and generally to look to the safety and preservation of all the Public Property of the expedition--G. C. Sibley reserves to himself the right, (which reservation we all explicitly understand) to discharge forthwith, any man hereby employed for negligence of or refusal to perform his duty or for disorderly or improper conduct--G. C. Sibley engages for himself and the other commissioners to pay each of the men hereby engaged at the rate of twenty-dollars per callendar month for faithful services from the day the expedition starts, till its return to Fort Osage, provided each man furnished for the trip a good safe and suitable saddle, bridle and saddle blanket--Each man is to find his own rifle and hunting apparatus--Sibley is to find ammunition provisions, mules, tents, cooking utensils--He only engages to find such provisions as is usual on such trips. The men must find their own groceries--Sibley find medicine--Given under our hands at Fort Osage in the presence of one another the 12th Day of May 1827.

L. M. Walker
Andrew Carson
David R. Camron
William Backstein
Christopher Ritcheson
Jacob Gregg
Brient Baxter
William Ml Owan
Janathan Cannon
Joseph D. Hardin
James Baxter
R. D. Collins

Benjamin Major--engaged the 19th term to commence on the 21st May he to find his own horse all the rest same as the other hands.